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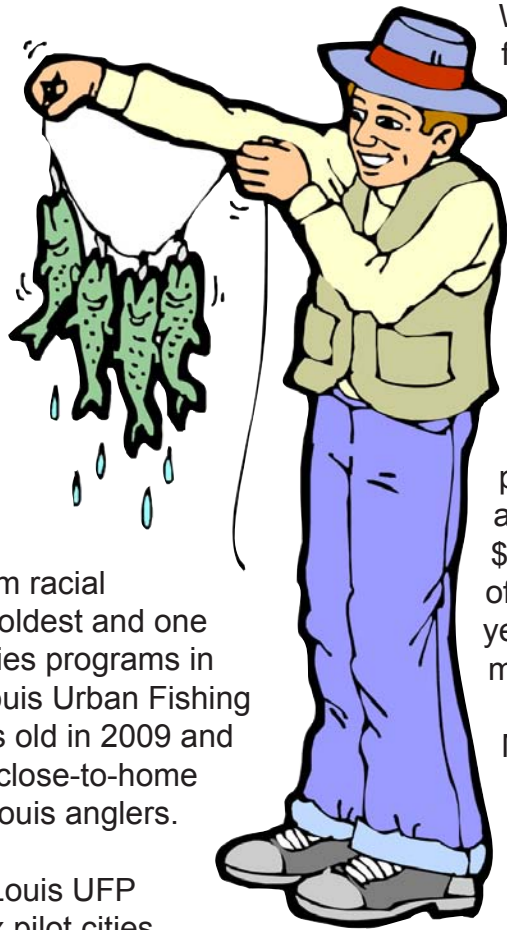
St. Louis Urban Fishing Program

By Kevin J. Meneau, Fisheries Management Biologist

The 1960's witnessed high civil unrest in urban areas, causing governmental agencies to explore ways to solve urban problems. One of the proposed remedies included creating outdoor recreational activities, so in 1969, pilot urban fishing programs were developed in six cities (Boston, Washington, D.C.; Portland, Ft. Worth, Atlanta, and St. Louis).

What started as a way to calm racial tension has evolved into the oldest and one of the most successful fisheries programs in the United States. The St. Louis Urban Fishing Program (UFP) was 40 years old in 2009 and continues to provide quality, close-to-home fishing opportunities for St. Louis anglers.

From the beginning, the St. Louis UFP was a big success. Of the six pilot cities, 80% of the total fishing participation was in St. Louis. That high degree of popularity continues today with over 185,000 hours of fishing taking place at UFP lakes each year.



With the passage of the Missouri Design for Conservation sales tax in 1976, MDC expanded the program. From its humble five-lake beginning, today's UFP includes 21 park lakes in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Ferguson and Ballwin as well as 11 aquatic education ponds at August A. Busch Conservation Area, Bellefontaine Conservation Area, Forest Park and Suson Park.

In 1969, \$9,000 was spent on 36,000 pounds of UFP fish (mostly bullheads and carp). MDC currently spends over \$60,000 dollars to stock 52,000 pounds of channel catfish and rainbow trout each year. Since 1969, MDC spent over \$1.3 million on 2.3 million pounds of fish.

MDC has improved angler access and fish habitat in 13 UFP and 9 aquatic education lakes. Improvements included deepening and aerating lakes, stabilizing lake banks, and building disabled- angler trails, docks, and parking worth over \$2 million.

The free [*Fish St. Louis*](#) and [*St. Louis Winter Trout Program*](#) brochures outline locations of public boat ramps and fishing lakes in St. Louis, St. Charles, and Jefferson counties and are available from MDC offices. The toll-free *St. Louis Fish Stocking Hotline* (636-300-9651) announces details of each UFP stocking after its completion.

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

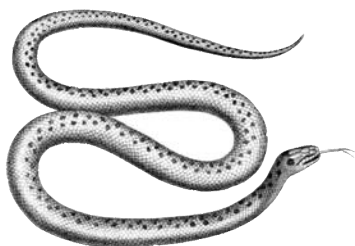
801 Strodtman Road, St. Louis, MO 63138 Office hours are Wednesday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For reservations call (314) 877- 6014 Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-270 north take the Riverview Drive exit (last Missouri exit); go north approximately 2.8 miles. Riverview Drive becomes Columbia Bottom Road at its intersection with Larimore Road. The entrance is on the right-hand side. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/areas/bottom/

5 Snake Feeding Friday

Friday 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

(All ages) Join me as I feed our resident prairie king snake its once a month meal. I will also share some interesting information about snakes and answer any snake questions that have been slithering around in your brain. (Reservations begin February 19.)



25 Nature Journaling

Thursday 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

(Ages 8 & up) Many outdoor writers and artists keep a nature journal and so can you! Nature journals help us not only to improve our artistic skills but also to observe, appreciate, and understand more about the natural world. Learn how to record what you see and hear so the experience stays fresh and vibrant. We'll try various drawing techniques while exploring Columbia Bottom. If you already keep a journal, bring it. If not, one will be provided. We'll go, rain or shine, so dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair! (Reservations begin March 11.)



6 Native Plants for Your Backyard Habitat

Saturday 10 a.m. - Noon

(Adults) Would you like to attract birds, butterflies, and other interesting creatures to your yard? Create an irresistible habitat for them by adding native plants to your garden. Missouri's native plants and animals are meant for each other. We'll introduce you to hardy native plants that thrive in our area and plants that attract a variety of native animals to your yard. Spring is just around the corner so it's not too early to start working on your summer garden. (Reservations begin February 20.)



7 Dresser Island Pelican Hike

Sunday 9 a.m. - Noon

(Families) Indulge your Spring Fever with a hike along the Mississippi River on Dresser Island, watching for pelicans, eagles and other spring migrants. We'll hike just to the northern end of the island where the pelicans congregate, and back, but this will give us a good opportunity to see ducks, eagles, hawks, gulls, herons and possibly trumpeter swans. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. Viewing scopes will be provided. We will walk up to 4 miles. Due to the walking surface no strollers please. (Reservations begin February 21.)

28 Spring at Fort Bellefontaine

Sunday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

(Ages 6 & up) Hike the Fort Bellefontaine County Park three mile trail to see spring's arrival bursting forth. Walk across a prairie springing to life with the first shoots of native grasses. Follow Coldwater Creek through the woods where the Dutchman's breeches, bloodroot, trout lily, mayapple, and ferns make their debut beneath the blooms of pawpaw, maple, and spicebush. Listen and look for migrating waterfowl over the Missouri River and its nearby confluence with the Mississippi River as they head back north for the summer while returning songbirds set up nests. Explore the site of the first American fort and ruins of other structures built by the WPA in the 1930s. In partnership with: Trailnet, The Confluence Partnership, The Great Rivers Greenway District, Friends of Fort Belle Fontaine Park and St. Louis County Parks (Reservations begin March 14.)

August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For reservations call (636) 441-4554 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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13 It's Purple Martin Time

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

(Ages 14 & up) Purple martins are on their way back to the St. Louis region from South America and they need your help! Learn how you can enjoy these beautiful insect-eating swallows in your own backyard by discovering their unique life history and picking up tips for establishing and managing your own colony. Weather permitting, we will also view the housing that a colony of purple martins use each year at the Busch Visitor Center. (Reservations begin February 26.)



30 Spring Awakenings

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 3 - 5) After a long sleepy winter the trees are budding, the birds are singing, and things outside are "waking up." We'll first learn indoors about "what's springing" and meet a few animals that are "waking up." Then we'll take a walk on the Fallen Oak trail to see what is changing in the outdoors around you. (Reservations begin March 16.)

13 Night Hike: Timberdoodles and Spring Peepers

Saturday 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Adults) Experience the sounds of a late winter evening with the birds and frogs during a moderate hike of 3.2 miles at Busch C.A. We will listen and watch for timberdoodles (American woodcock), one of the strangest members of the bird world performing their courtship display shortly after sunset. We also hope to hear and see small frogs called spring peepers performing their courtship songs from the small ponds along the trail. Venture out with us to spend an evening with wildlife. (Reservations begin February 26.)



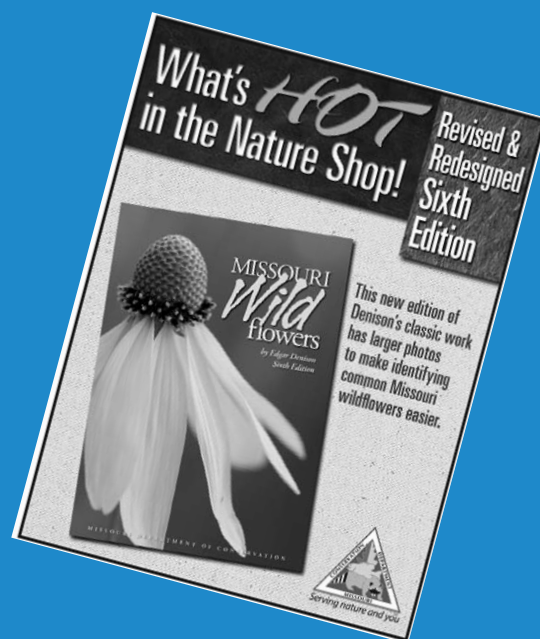
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Nature Shop



Missouri Wildflowers, Sixth Edition

If you are a devotee of the state's native plants, you'll love the revised, sixth edition of *Missouri Wildflowers*. A stunning new cover brightens Denison's classic, as well as an enlarged format, new design, and improved photographs. Colored tabs also have been added to the page edges for easier location of flower color groups. As always, the pictures are arranged by flower color and blooming time. Descriptions cover plant characteristics, habitat, and range.

Soft cover, 280 pages, revised 2008

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*Save 20% in March and April, no other discounts apply

Rockwoods Reservation

2751 Glencoe Road, Wildwood, MO 63038 Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For reservations call (636) 458-2236 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-44 take Hwy 109 north 4 miles to Woods Avenue; left on Woods Avenue, then immediately right on Glencoe Road. From Manchester Road take Hwy 109 south 2 miles to Woods Avenue; right on Woods Avenue, then immediately right on Glencoe Road. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis/

9 Build a Backpacking Stove

Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

(Ages 10 & up) Would you like to have a backpacking stove but don't want to spend a lot of money on one? In this program you will learn to make an ultra light stove that is very efficient, environmentally friendly, and costs under five dollars. Each participant needs to bring four soda cans and a penny. (Reservations begin February 23.)

27 Scout Discovery Table: Bird I.D. & Flyways

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

(Ages 5 & up) Have you ever wondered what that bird is at your feeder? Did you know there are highways in the sky that birds follow when they migrate? Learn to identify birds and find out where those highways are in the sky. This Discovery Table meets **Wolves**: Birds elective #13d; **Webelos**: Naturalist #3 & #5; **Juniors**: Wildlife #3 & #8. Also appropriate for **Brownies**. (No reservations required.)

30 Cave Exploration

Tuesday 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(Ages 7 & up) Be one of the first to enter the underground world of Rockwoods Cave in 2010! Learn about a cave ecosystem and the importance wildlife plays in it. This hands-on exploration requires crawling on your stomach for several feet. Wear long



pants, a long sleeved shirt and bring a flashlight. Helmets will be provided. (Reservations begin March 16.)

Forest Park Office

5595 Grand Drive, St. Louis, MO 63112 Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m

For reservations call (314) 877-1309 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-44 take Kingshighway north to West Pine Boulevard, turn left. Follow West Pine to Lindell, turn left onto Lindell. Continue on Lindell past Union Drive to Cricket, turn left. Take first available right onto Grand Drive. The Visitors Center is the tan brick, red tile-roofed building with arched windows, and a clock tower. It will be on the right side of the street. Free parking is available in the double lot to the left or on the street.

Sensational Animals Series

First Tuesday of the month (March - May) 10 a.m. - Noon.

(Ages 5 - 8) Welcome to the wonderful world of Missouri's wild animals! Throughout this series, we will explore animal senses. Without senses, animals would not be able to see, hear, feel, smell, or taste anything. Learn how animals use each sense and how these special senses help them to survive. Participants may sign up for all classes or individually. Each class will include an interactive activity, game, and/or take home craft. (Reservations begin February 16.)

March 2 Listen: Animal Sound

Tuesday 10 a.m. - noon.

(Ages 5 - 8) We may not always understand, but animals have their own way of communicating. Animals don't speak our language, but they communicate using sounds, sometimes to find a mate, defend their territory, or to alert others of danger.

You'll even learn that some animals make sounds that we cannot hear. This program will be held both in and outdoors, so dress for the weather. Meet at the Dennis and Judith Jones Visitor & Education Center in Forest Park to hear what all the fun is about! (Reservations begin February 16.)



Upcoming:

April 6 We Get the Feeling: Animal Touch

May 4 Mmmm Good: Animal Smell & Taste

Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

March 2010

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304

Hours are: December 1 - March 31 open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 1 - November 30 open Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Tuesday from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Closed all State and Federal Holidays.

For reservations call (636) 441-4554 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Visit <http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/busch/>

13 Discover Nature - Family :

Basic Archery



Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon

(Ages 11 & up) Tired of the same old family outing? Have you been looking for something new to do? Join us for this introductory class in archery. This class is designed for families to learn

the fundamentals of archery. We will cover parts of the bow, different types of bows, stances, and techniques to get you on target. (Reservations begin February 11.)

18 & 20 Discover Nature - Women : Basic Handgun

Thursday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. & Saturday 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.



(Ages 14 & up) This program is designed to introduce women to handgun shooting. The first part of the program will be in the classroom and will cover actions, calibers, grip, stance, sight picture, and safety. The second part of the program will take place

at the range for hands-on experience with the instructors. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. You can bring your own firearms or we can provide them for you. (Reservations begin February 16.)



23 Discover Hunting – Turkey Calling

Tuesday 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.



(All Ages) Gobble, gobble, gobble. What does it all mean? This class will cover the different calls, when to call, how often to call, and the different types of equipment used. (Reservations begin February 22.)

25 Discover Hunting - Food Plot Seminar

Thursday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(All Ages) Have you wanted to grow a food plot but are not sure of the best way to begin? This class gives the tips and techniques to plant a successful food plot that will help with your desired game. (Reservations begin February 23.)

30 & 31 Basic Trap

Tuesday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(Ages 14 & up) This program is designed for those who have had some experience with shotguns, want to improve their skills, learn basics of trap shooting, and become successful trap shooters. The classroom portion will cover field layout, chokes, distances, stances, gun mount, different techniques and above all, safety. Then we will go to the range to practice and develop new skills. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. You can bring your own equipment or we can provide it for you. (Reservations begin February 26.)



HOURS for the Busch Shooting Range

As many of you know the Busch Shooting range installed lights on all of its ranges about three years ago. This was to provide more opportunities for people who could not come on the weekends or on weekdays after work before the range closed for the day. For the past couple of years the range has been open late on Tuesdays from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. year-round.

As of December 1, 2009, the Busch Shooting Range will change its hours as follows:

December 1 through March 31 we will be open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 1 through November 30 we will be open Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Tuesday from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

For a complete listing of all Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education classes throughout the region, visit the web at www.mdc.mo.gov/area/stlouis and click on the "Hunter Education" link on the left of the page.

Jay Henges Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

1100 Antire Road, High Ridge, MO 63049

Range Hours: May 1 - August 31: Wednesday 2 p.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

September 1 - April 30: Wednesday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays and all State and Federal Holidays.

For reservations call (636) 938-9548 Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From the east/St. Louis: I-44 west to Beaumont/Antire Road, exit 269. Left over I-44 to Antire Road. Right on Antire road. One hundred feet to entrance. Left into driveway. From the west/Eureka: I-44 east to Beaumont/Antire Road, exit 269. Follow exit lane around to top.

Visit <http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/henges/>

10 Introduction to Handguns

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Ages 16 & up) Join us for a hands-on look at various types of handguns. We'll provide various examples to handle while you learn about the working mechanisms of revolvers, semi-automatics, and some others. We'll discuss caliber and ammunition selection. This course is a good opportunity to "decide before you buy." There is no range time involved in this introductory program. (Reservations begin February 10.)

20 Basic Shotgun

Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

(Ages 12 & up) This is an introductory program for beginning shotgunners who want to learn the correct way to get started in shotgun sports. We will discuss appropriate shotguns, correct fit, gauge and ammunition selection, proper stance, mount, movement, and vision. All participants will have an opportunity to break some clay targets after the classroom portion of the program. The shooting portion of this program is not appropriate for children under 90 lbs. in weight. (Reservations begin February 20.)

25 Metallic Cartridge Reloading

Thursday 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Ages 11 & up) Since factory ammunition may cost \$35 or more per box, it is worth the time and effort to learn how to reload your own rifle ammunition. We will demonstrate the low cost basic equipment needed for reloading rifle cartridges and the simple methods of producing high quality, accurate ammunition. Class is limited to 12 participants. (Reservations begin February 25.)



27 Discover Hunting - Wild Turkeys

Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(All ages) Our spring wild turkey season is right around the corner. Let's prepare with a day filled with information. We'll discuss hunting wild turkeys; including biology, habitat, hunting regulations, and appropriate firearms and ammunition. We'll spend some time with hands-on patterning of shotguns. We'll demonstrate and practice turkey calling, discuss blinds and set-ups, and use of decoys. This is Wild Turkey Hunting University! Class is limited to 20. (Reservations begin February 27.)

NOTICE: The rifle/pistol range is currently closed and under construction. All other ranges are still open. We expect to reopen the rifle/pistol range by September 1, 2010. Progress reports will be included over the next several months including a reopen date.

If you would like more information please visit our website at www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/henges or call the range office at 636-938-9548.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 Nature Center hours are Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

NEW HOURS

No one has escaped the effects of the current economy, and Powder Valley is no exception. In order to keep our agency in a sound financial position during this period of lagging revenues and well into the future, MDC has had to cut back. Powder Valley will be losing staff and therefore needs to make changes to our operating schedule.

BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2010

New **building** hours will be:

Tuesday through Saturday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday and Monday: Closed

The **area and trails** will be open seven days a week 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. during Central Standard Time and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time.

Please watch our newsletter for occasional announcements regarding special evening and weekend visiting hours.

Thank you for your support as we try to adapt to the changes and challenges that face our agency. PVCNC staff, and volunteers who are dedicated to continuing to provide the best possible service with the resources available.

6 Wonderful Worms

Saturday 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(Ages 7 - 12) Anyone with a garden knows from experience that earthworms work wonders for the soil. How do they do it? And what kinds of lives do they live down there under the ground? We will learn more about these beneficial animals and we'll enjoy some earthworm crafts and activities too. (Reservations begin February 18.)



6 Scout Discovery Table: State Symbols (Self-guided exhibit)

Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(All ages) Check out the many natural objects that are symbols representing the state of Missouri. This self-guided exhibit will help Junior Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts earn portions of badges relating to nature or wildlife. **Juniors** can work on Let's Get Outdoors, Wildlife #1. **Wolves** can work on Your Flag, Achievement #2d. **Bears** can work on What Makes America Special?, Achievement #3e. The activity can usually be completed in 45 minutes. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. (No reservations required.)

11 Our Favorite Swallow, the Purple Martin

Thursday 10:a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 3 - 6) This is the month that purple martins arrive back in the St. Louis area. After a long flight from South America, they will need insects and nesting sites. Participants will learn about these great travelers, help clean out the Powder Valley Purple Martin apartment house and make a gourd martin house. (Reservations begin February 19.)

12 Nature's Niche: Romancing the Owl

Friday 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
(Ages 50 & up) Back by popular demand! Part II of Romancing the Owl will reflect on what has been happening the past few months with owl behavior and give you an update on their darling owlets. Come to Powder Valley and learn about owl adaptations, courting rituals, and nesting behaviors. There will be hands on activities, including dissecting owl pellets! You will also leave with the skills and/or know how to call in one of the most common owls of Missouri! (Reservations begin February 25.)

18 Tap! Tap! Tap! Woodpeckers

Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

(Ages 3 - 6) Join us to learn about these noisy birds in your backyard. We'll read a great story and make suet feeders for the kids to take home. (Reservations begin March 4.)

For reservations call (314) 301-1500

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19 Discover Nature - Families: Amazing Animal Skulls



Friday 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

(Families with children ages 6 & up) Aside from looking awesome, skulls can also tell you a lot about the animals that they come from! For example,

skulls can give you clues about everything from an animal's sense of smell to its feeding habits. Join us as we study the unique features from a variety of different animal skulls. At the end of our program, you will test your ability to identify animals by looking only at their skulls. (Reservations begin March 4.)

19 Beginning Birding

Friday 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

(Ages 3 - 6) Birding is the nation's fastest growing sport. Come find out why! We'll learn about the birds in your backyard, make "binoculars," and hike Tanglevine Trail! (Reservations begin March 4.)

20 Nature's Niche: Attracting Nature with Native Plants

Saturday 10 a.m. - Noon

(Ages 50 & up) Join us as we learn how to use native plants, water features, etc. to bring nature to your yard. (Reservations begin March 4.)

LaBarque Creek Watershed Photo Display and Reception

Photographer Mark Karpinski (age 28) from *Liquid Drift Fine Art* has seen many of this country's natural wonders and ranks La Barque Creek Watershed near the top. "I have been privileged to travel, hike, and explore some of the most remote and beautiful corners of North America. With these many travel experiences, I realize and appreciate just how stunning the La Barque Creek Watershed really is," says Karpinski.

Now, you can see Missouri's own LaBarque Creek Watershed through Mark's dramatic photos which will be on display at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center during March 2010. His photo exhibit will be kicked off with a special reception at PVCNC where you can meet Mark on **Thursday, March 4 (4 p.m. - 8 p.m.)**. The reception will introduce many to the La Barque Creek Watershed and let them know about the great opportunities available to help conserve this very special place.

The 8,400-acre La Barque Creek is located in northwestern Jefferson County, south of Eureka and is only about 40 minutes from the Arch. The watershed hosts outstanding aquatic, landform, and terrestrial biodiversity, as well as two large conservation areas and a future state park.

Interest in the watershed has been enhanced through its listing by a variety of conservation groups for its beauty and natural resource features. Or, as Mark glowingly states, "The watershed should be valued as one of the natural gems in the St. Louis area and the State of Missouri."

Charlie Anderson Memorial



Charlie Anderson, a long-time Volunteer Naturalist for the Missouri Department of Conservation at the Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center, passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2009. Charlie was the beloved husband of Warene Anderson and father of Katie Early and the late Becky Anderson.

Charlie was born and raised in the state of Washington. After high school he was assigned to the Army Medical Corp and was sent to St. Louis for training. After the war Charlie worked as a medical equipment repairman and married Warene in 1948. In 1967 Charlie went to work for St. Luke's Hospital where he became Chief Engineer. Charlie became a volunteer at Powder Valley in 1992. He contributed over 2000 hours and provided many smiles to

visitors, staff, and fellow volunteers. In addition to Warene and Katie, Charlie is survived by his son-in-law Charles Early and his grandchildren, Aindrea and Chad Early. Charlie is deeply missed.